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ACTION ARA-20

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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6832

INFO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

AMEMBASSY QUITO

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR GARBLED PORTIONS THROUGHOUT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, XK, CS, PFOR

SUBJECT: BANANA EXPORT TAX: MFN IMPLICATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 0767\*7; (B) SAN JOSE 1527

1. GOCR BANANA TAX DOES NOT RPT NOT APPEAR TO  
DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL  
MARKETS. AS REPORTED REF (B), LAW ESTABLISHING TAX  
HAS NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED. ARTICLE 1 OF BILL SUB-  
MITTED BY EXECUTIVE BRANCH, WHICH WE BELIEVE WAS  
PASSED WITHOUT AMENDMENT, IS A FOLLOWS:

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A TAX OF ONE DOLLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA IS ESTABLISHED ON EACH BOX OR CONTAINER OF BANANAS OF 40 POUNDS THAT IS EXPORTED. FOR BOXES OR CONTAINERS OF GREATER OR LESSER WEIGHT, THE TAX WILL APPLY PROPORTIONATELY.

2. BILL ALSO AUTHORIZES EXECUTIVE TO SHARE TAX WITH PRODUCER AND TO NEGOTIATE NECESSARY CONTRACT CHANGES, BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT REFER TO DESTINATION OF BANANAS EXPORTED.

3. UNITED BRANDS OFFICIAL QUOTED REF (B) ALSO BELIEVED TAX DEFINITELY NON-DISCRIMINATORY.  
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